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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are  
3 committed to cutting the costs of everyday essentials and  
4 making vital services more affordable so that Illinoisans can  
5 build stronger futures; and

6 WHEREAS, Instead of taking any action to ease the cost of  
7 living, President Donald Trump has done the opposite,  
8 embarking on an erratic and destructive campaign to raise the  
9 prices of everything that families purchase everyday through  
10 senseless tariff schemes; and

11 WHEREAS, The economic hits have caused major retail  
12 chains, including Target, Walmart, McDonald's, and Amazon, to  
13 warn of chaotic hiring patterns, numerous closures, and charge  
14 hikes nationwide; and

15 WHEREAS, In the face of these approaching challenges,  
16 lawmakers have a responsibility to explore potential  
17 legislative measures and policy proposals that could help make  
18 life more affordable and prevent millions of Illinoisans from  
19 having to overcome the repercussions of the Trump  
20 Administration's blunders; therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE

1 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE  
2 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Saving Working Families and  
3 Easing the Cost of Living Task Force is established; and be it  
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the  
6 following members, who will serve without compensation:

7 (1) One member of the House of Representatives  
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House, who shall serve as  
9 co-chair;

10 (2) One member of the Senate appointed by the  
11 President of the Senate, who shall serve as co-chair;

12 (3) Two members of the House of Representatives  
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

14 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives  
15 appointed by the House Minority Leader;

16 (5) Two members of the Senate appointed by the  
17 President of the Senate; and

18 (6) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate  
19 Minority Leader; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be charged with  
21 assessing the feasibility of implementing policies focused on  
22 reducing the cost of living and enhancing the economic  
23 well-being of middle-class and modest-income families,  
24 including but not limited to:

1           (1) The elimination of state taxes on tipped wages,  
2 commonly known as "no tax on tips";

3           (2) The elimination of state taxes on overtime pay;

4           (3) Allowing taxpayers to deduct the full amount of  
5 union dues paid;

6           (4) An annual sales tax holiday coinciding with  
7 back-to-school shopping season applied to new school  
8 supplies, clothes, shoes, and other essential items;

9           (5) The expansion of career and technical education to  
10 prepare young people for high-wage jobs;

11          (6) Controlling consumer utility prices;

12          (7) The expansion of tax credits that primarily  
13 benefit middle and modest-income families, including the  
14 Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit;

15          (8) The expansion of state grants and additional tax  
16 credits to make child care more affordable and accessible;

17          (9) Policies and investments that will increase the  
18 supply of housing and bring down home costs by  
19 facilitating the construction of new homes and the  
20 renovation of underutilized residential areas;

21          (10) Efforts to lower grocery costs, including the  
22 expansion of state grants for small grocery stores and  
23 food retailers in underserved areas and new support for  
24 local food producers;

25          (11) Continued efforts to make healthcare and  
26 prescription drugs more affordable and more accessible;

1           and

2                   (12) Support for community-based small businesses; and  
3           be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the initial appointments to the Task Force  
5           shall be made no more than three months after adoption of this  
6           resolution; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall holds its first  
8           meeting within 30 days after all Task Force members have been  
9           appointed and then on a monthly basis thereafter; and be it  
10          further

11          RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit a report to the  
12          General Assembly no later than December 31, 2026, and upon  
13          this filing, the Task Force is dissolved; and be it further

14          RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
15          delivered to the Speaker of the House, the House Minority  
16          Leader, the President of the Senate, and the Senate Minority  
17          Leader.